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1. The former Schwarzkopf (Schwartzkopff?)-Werke, near Bernau (296), is producing automobile and aircraft engines and also is overhauling tanks for the Russians. The plant, located about four kilometers northwest of Bernau on the road to Wandlitz, is a subterranean one built in approximately eighty meter depth before the war and enlarged in 1939. The plant is extremely well camouflaged by an overgrowth of pine trees. Two short roads lead to it, passing two stone quarries; the main road to Wandlitz is under surveillance. The plant and its immediate area are guarded.
2. During the war, the Schwarzkopf-Werke produced aircraft and automobile motors and later converted to V-weapon manufacture. It was in excellent condition when the Russians took it over. Wartime employment strength was 6,000-8,000; at the present time, approximately 2,000 Germans are believed to be employed, although the figure has been placed at 5,000 by various respondents. Among them are many Germans recently released from Soviet captivity who, having failed to find their families or lodging, have been housed in barracks and assigned to work in the plant. In addition, approximately 1,000 Soviet engineer officers and enlisted men are working there.

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